

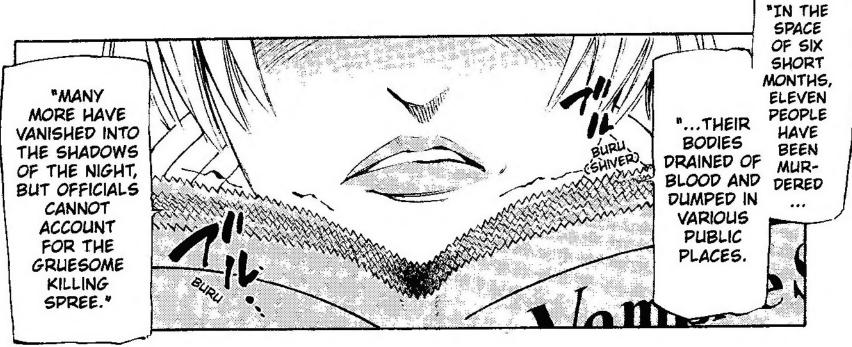
A SUMMARY OF HUNTERS OF THE DUSK:

DARREN, MR. CREPSLEY, HARKAT, AND VANCHA HAVE GONE ON A JOURNEY TO FIND AND DEFEAT THE DREAD VAMPANEZE THAT THREATENS THE LIVES OF ALL VAMPIRES. AFTER A VISIT WITH THE MYSTERIOUS LADY EVANNA, WHO HOLDS CLUES TO FINDING THE VAMPANEZE LORD, DARREN RETURNS TO THE CIRQUE DU FREAK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIX YEARS. MEANWHILE, THE VAMPIRES STUMBLE UPON A GROUP OF TRAVELING VAMPANEZE, BUT DESPITE A SNEAK ATTACK, THE VAMPIRES UNWITTINGLY ALLOW THE VAMPANEZE LORD HIMSELF TO ESCAPE. DARREN LEAVES THE CIRQUE, BUT WHERE WILL HIS TRAVELS TAKE HIM NEXT?

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WELL, I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING: THERE'LL BE NO ESCAPING THE SWORD OF JUSTICE, BE THEY HUMANS OR VAMPIRES!

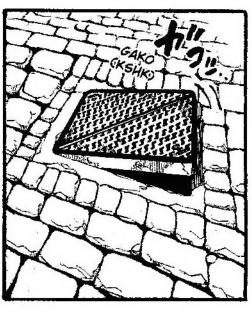


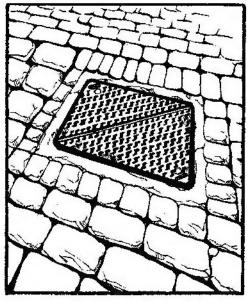
BUT CAN
YOU BLAME
THEM?
EVERYONE'S
GOT THE
WILLIES
OVER THIS
CASE.

MY OWN FAMILY'S HEADED STRAIGHT OUT OF TOWN FOR NOW...

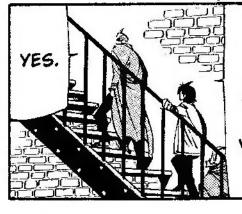




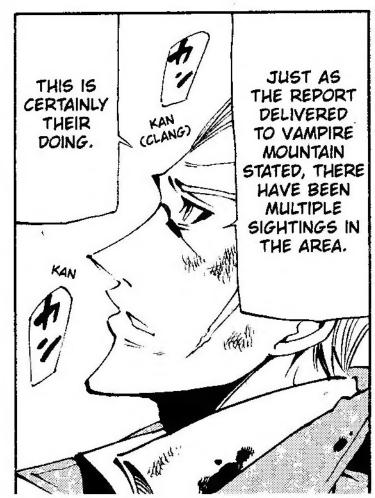








ARE WE
EVEN SURE
THIS IS THE
WORK OF
VAMPANEZE?

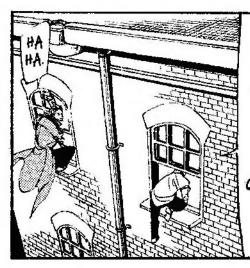


YES, THE VERY SAME CITY IN WHICH WE FOUGHT MURLOUGH, THIRTEEN YEARS AGO.

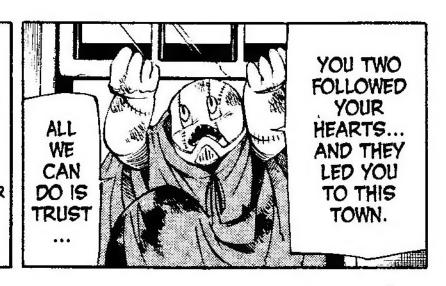




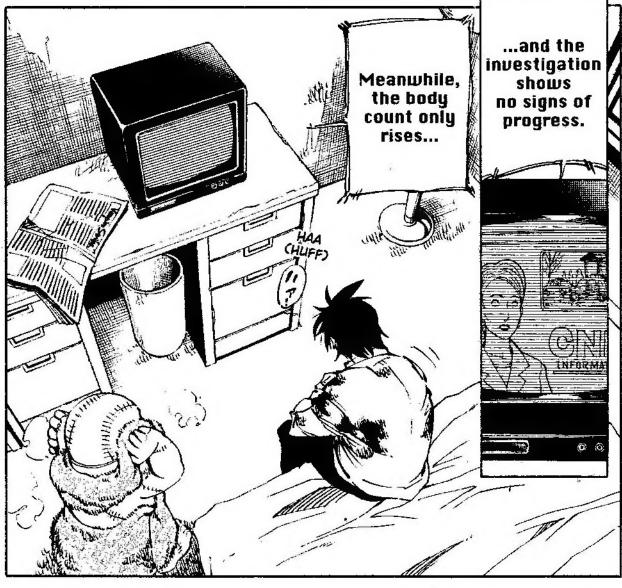




IF ONLY
VANCHA CAME
BACK, WE'D
BE ABLE TO
COVER THAT
MUCH MORE
GROUND IN OUR
SEARCHES...



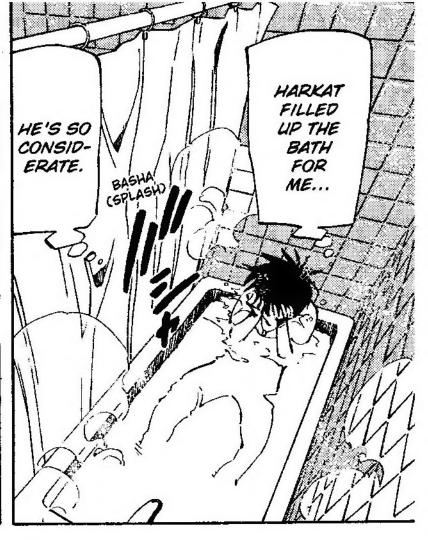














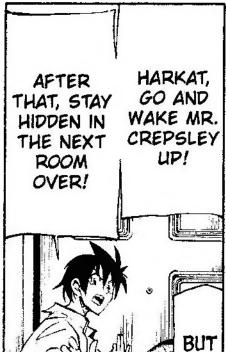








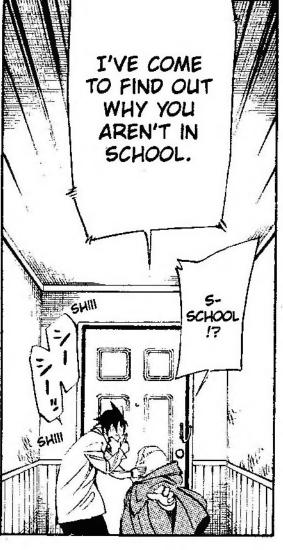




NOW !!









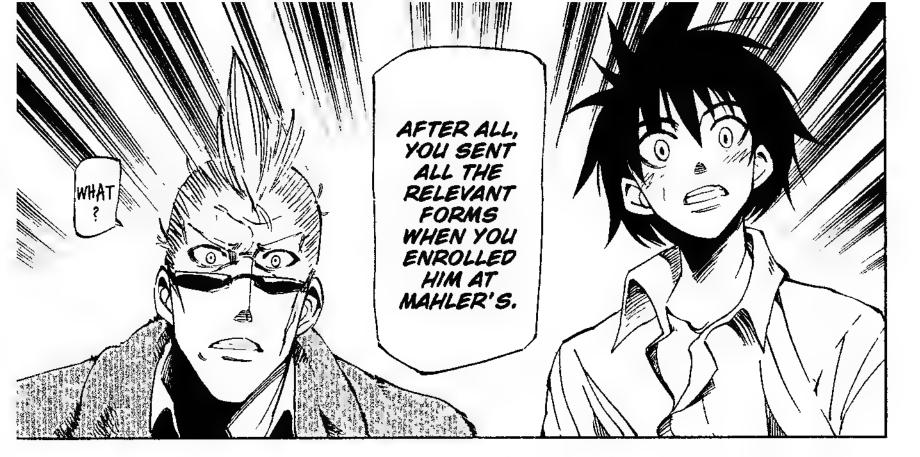






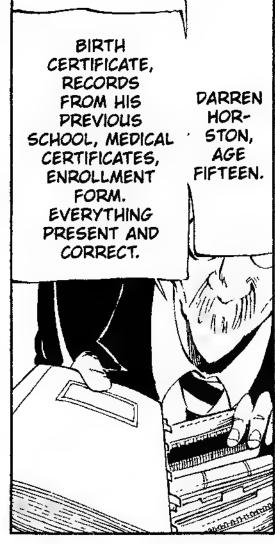
HIS EYES
ARE VERY
SENSITIVE,
SO I HOPE
YOU DON'T
MIND ME
CLOSING THE
CURTAINS.





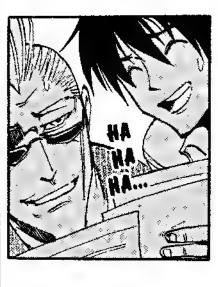












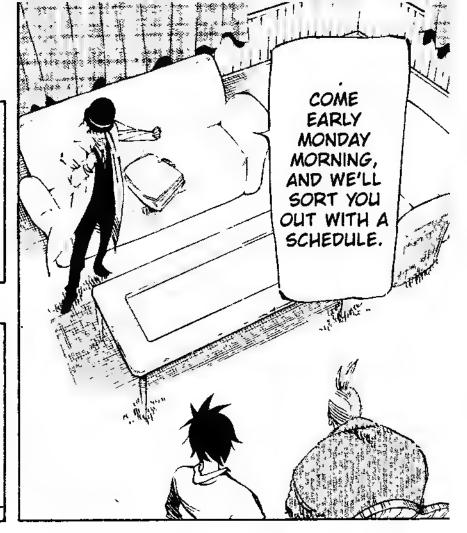


IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP, WE'LL HAVE TO SEND A SOCIAL WORKER TO SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.



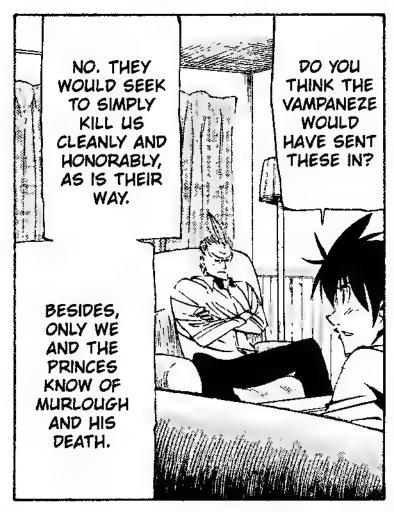
...BUT WE'D HAVE TO CALL IN THE POLICE NEXT, AND WHO KNOWS THREATS WHERE IT WOULD END.

...WELL, I DON'T WISH TO MAKE

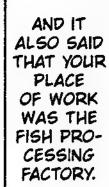














THE
ADDRESS OF
THIS HOTEL
AND THE ROOM
NUMBERS WERE
INCLUDED ON
THE FORMS
HE HAD.



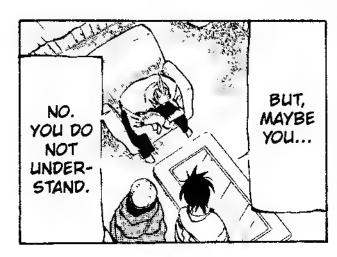




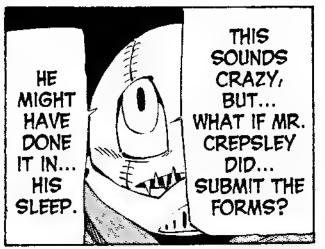
BUT I'VE SEEN THAT ON TV...

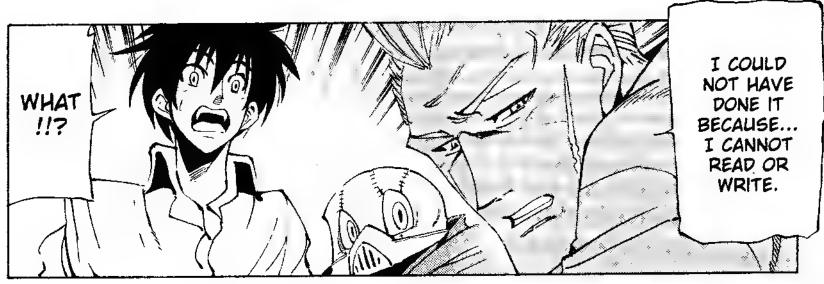








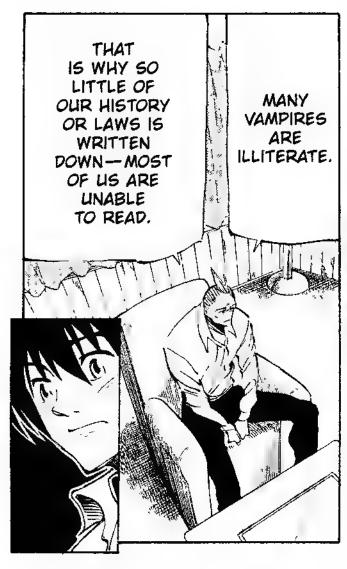












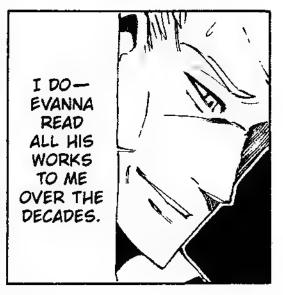


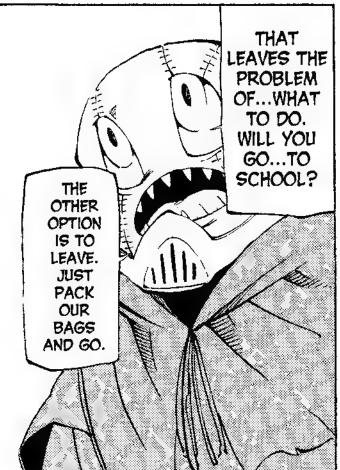
WHY DIDN'T YOU

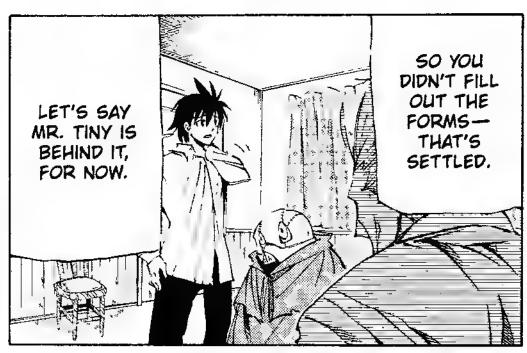




BUT...YOU
TOLD ME
YOU LOVE
SHAKESPEARE'S
PLAYS AND
POEMS!











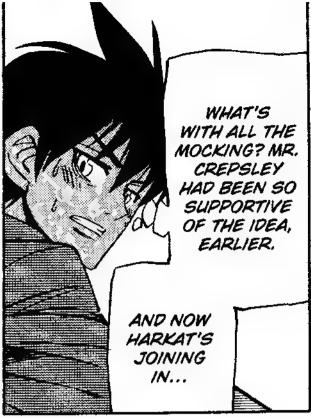


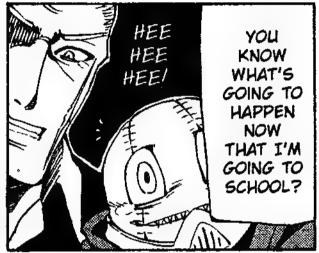


























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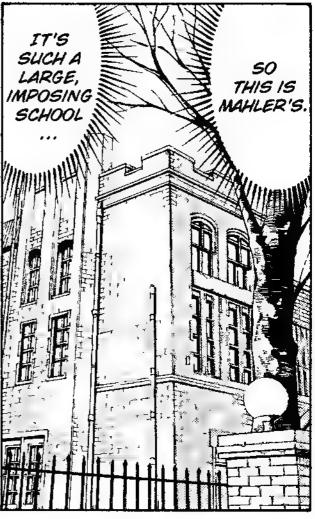
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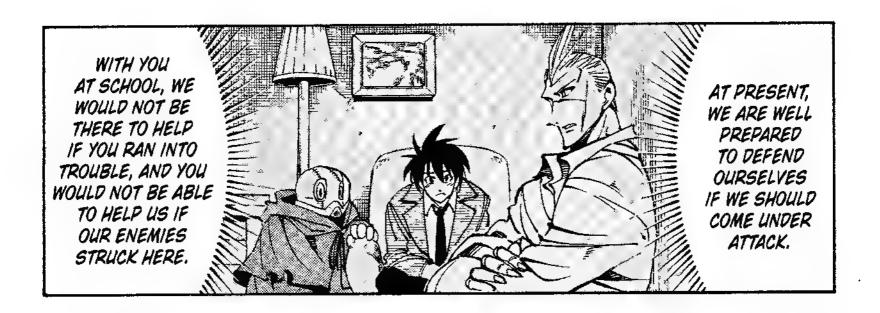
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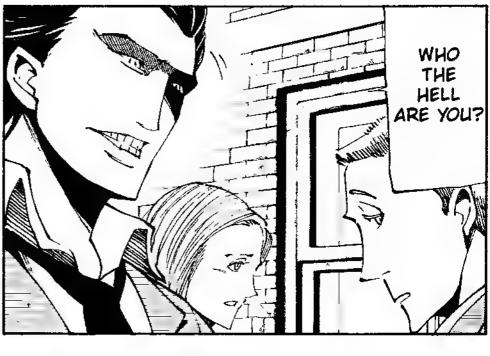


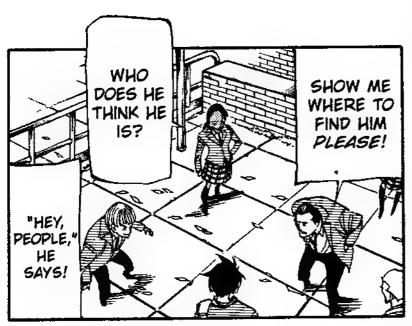






















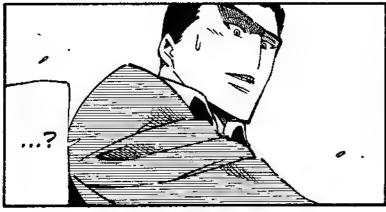
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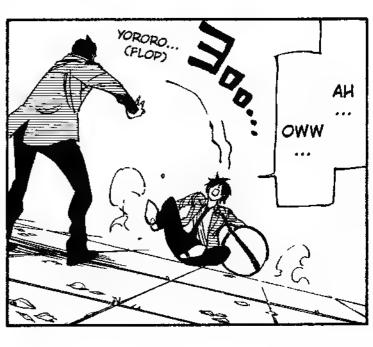


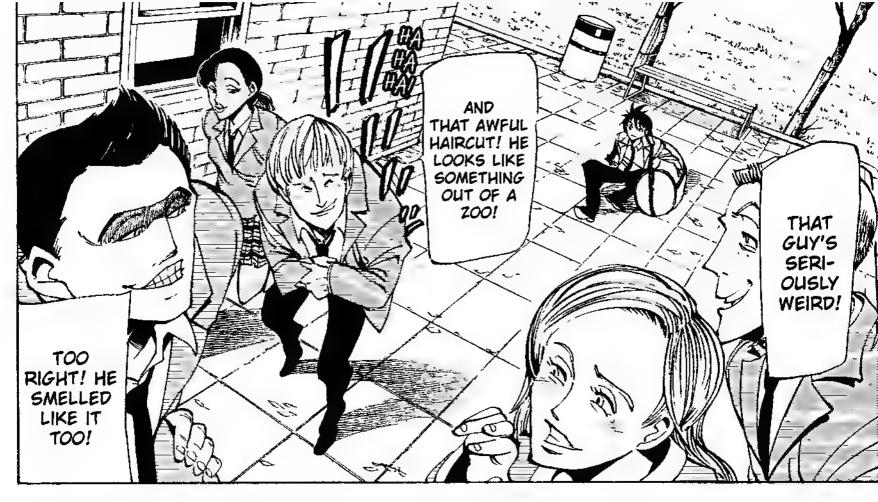














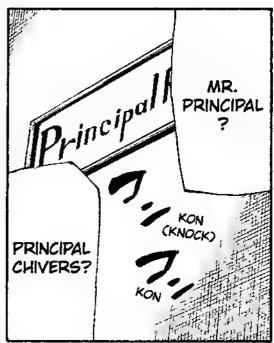














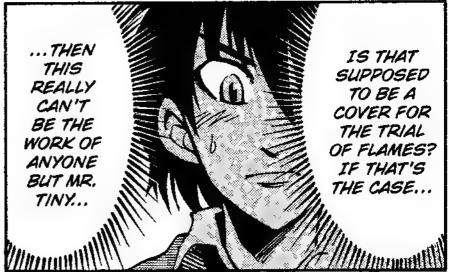










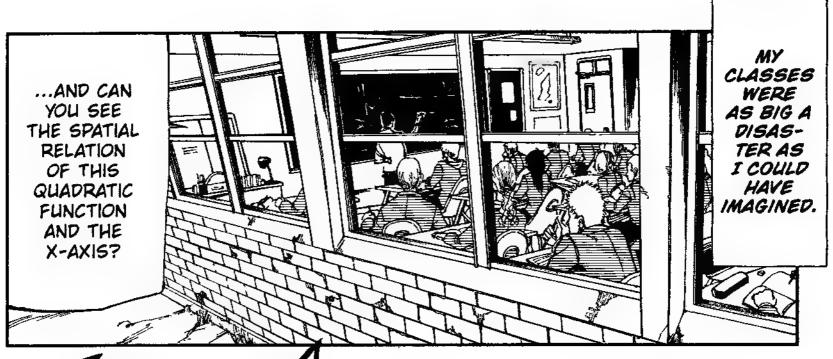








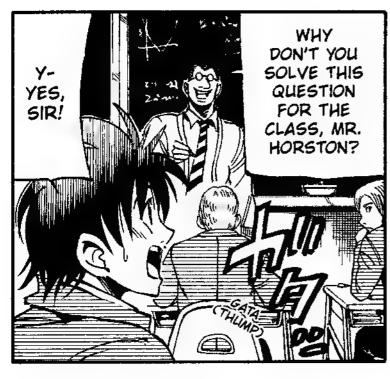




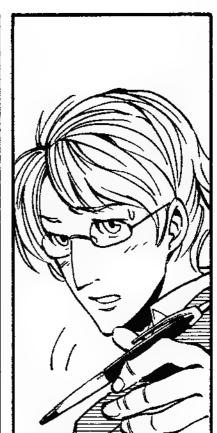












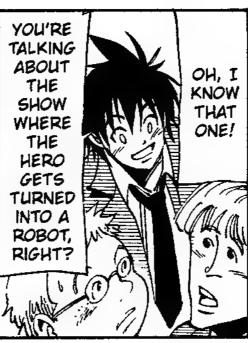


MY DESK SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN... IN POOR CONDI-TION.



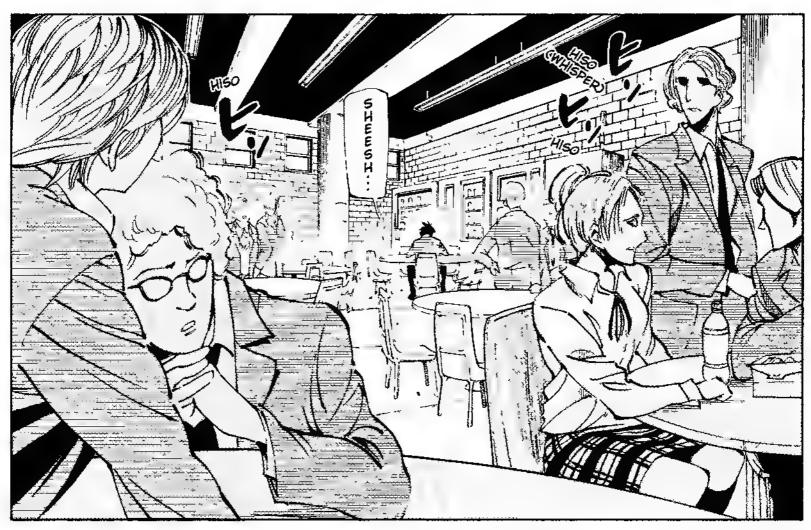
НА... НА-НА-НА...



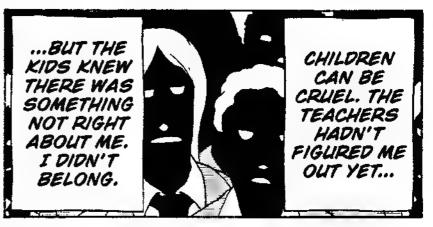














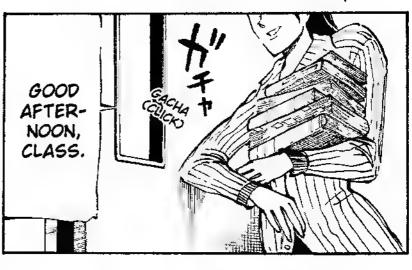






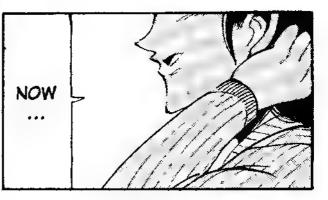


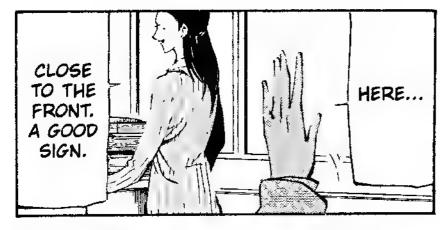








































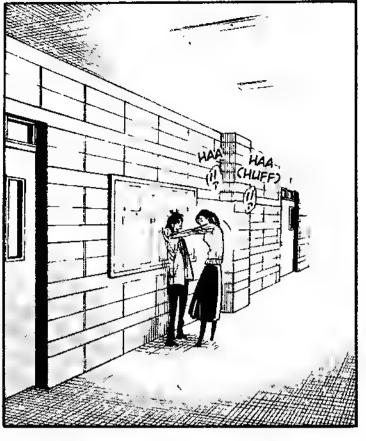








IS IT
REALLY
YOU?
ARE YOU
DARREN
SHAN?



























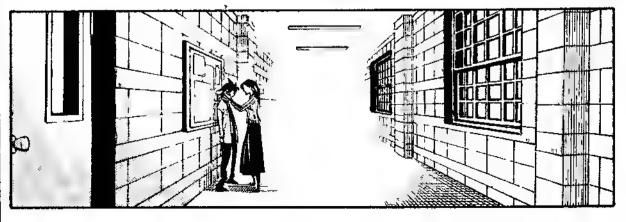












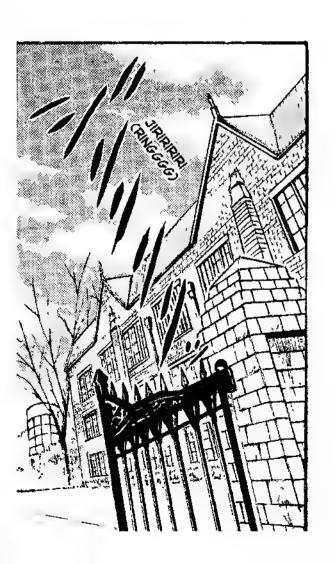












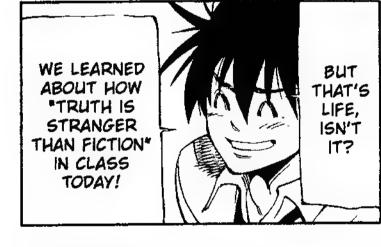










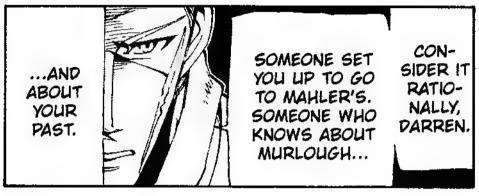




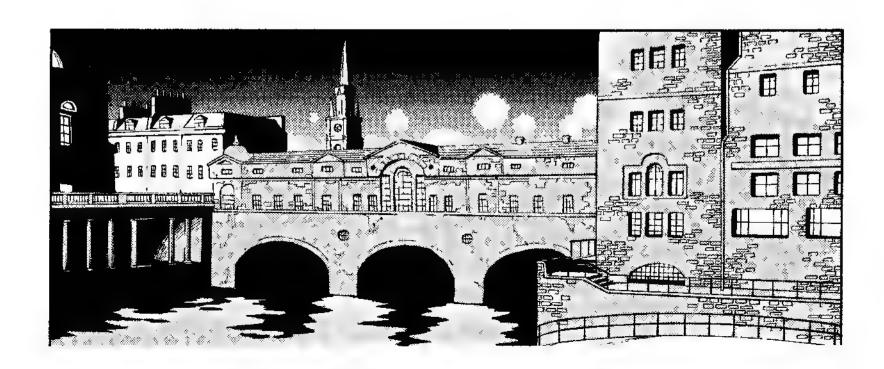


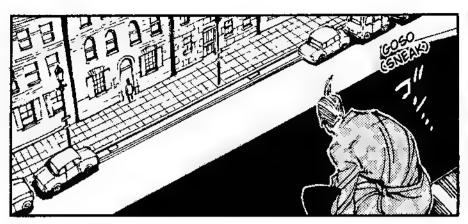


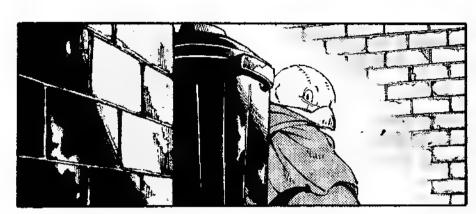


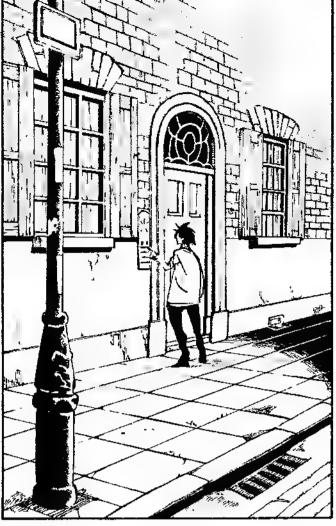








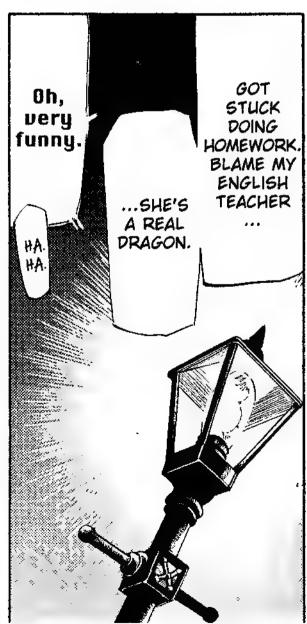












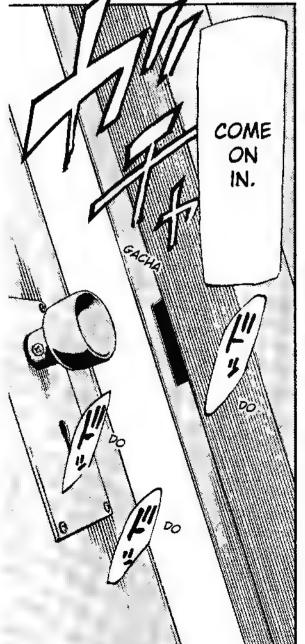


WE COULD NOT FATHOM WHY SOMEONE WOULD WANT YOU SENT TO SCHOOL.



















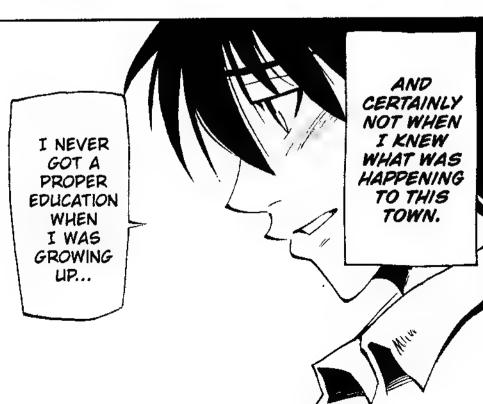


...AND WHEN I GRADUATED, I DECIDED TO COME BACK TO THIS TOWN TO BE A TEACHER.



WE
PASSED
THE
TIME BY
CATCHING
UP.









...SO
I HAD MY
PAPERS
AND I.D.
FORGED TO
GET INTO
MAHLER'S.

LATELY
I'VE BEEN
FEELING
LIKE I
MISSED
OUT...

I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD TO LIVE LIKE THIS...





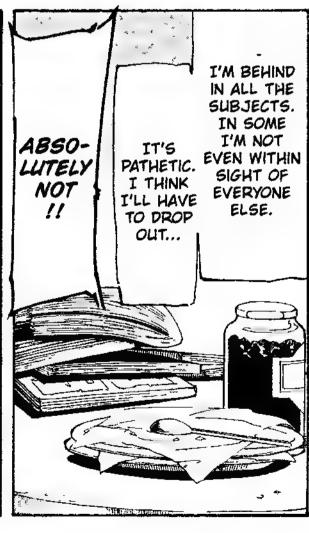


I THINK
YOU'RE VERY
BRAVE, AND
I WON'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.



I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT YOU WANT TO LEARN. I REALLY ADMIRE YOU FOR THIS.



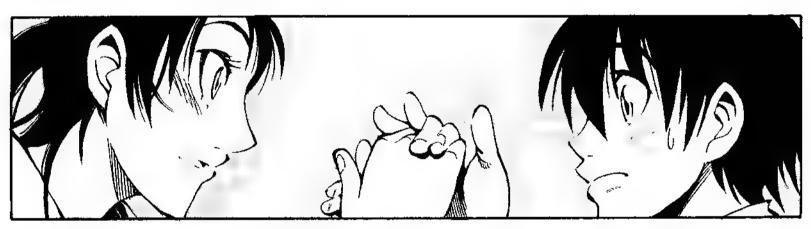










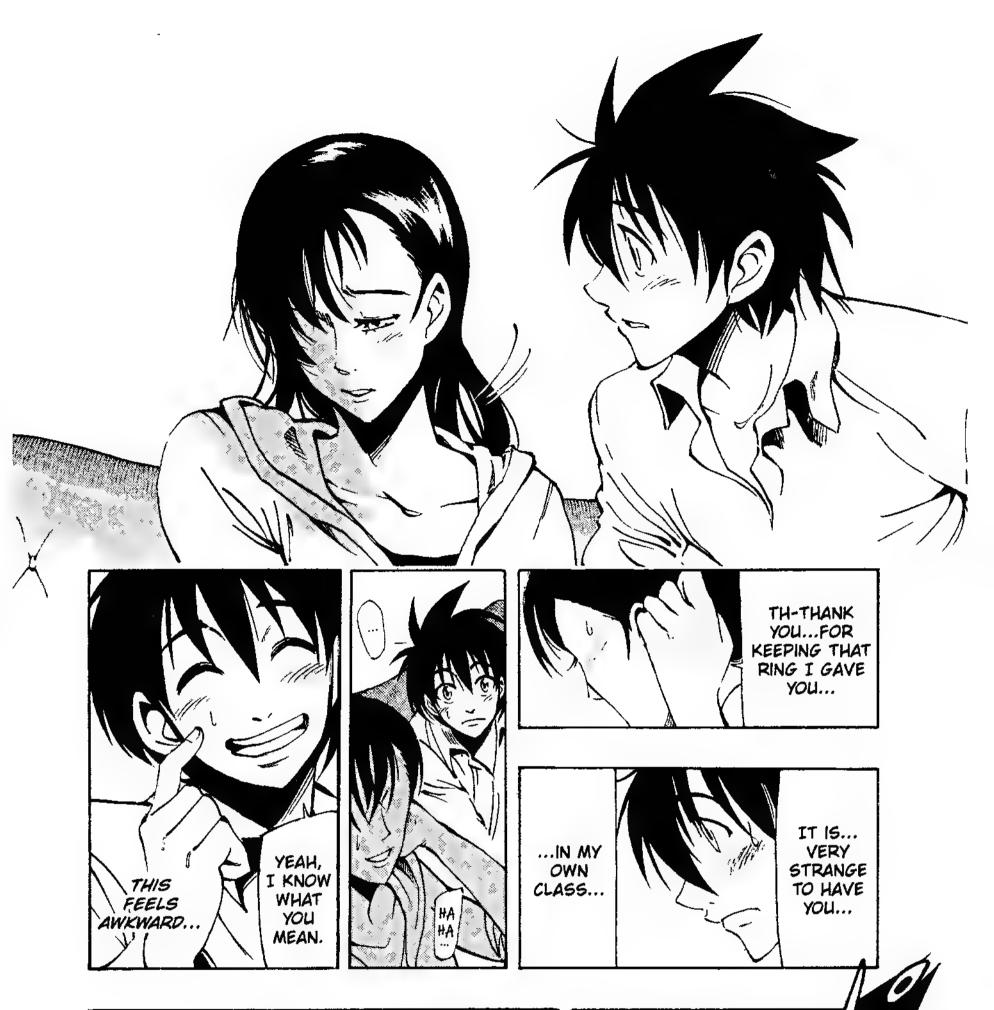


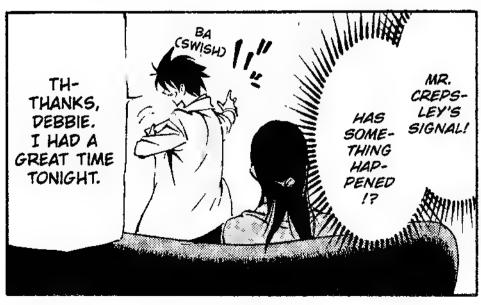


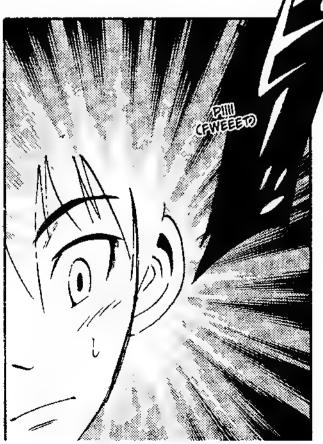














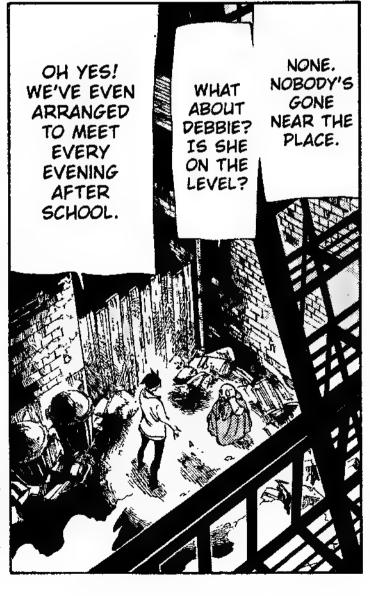












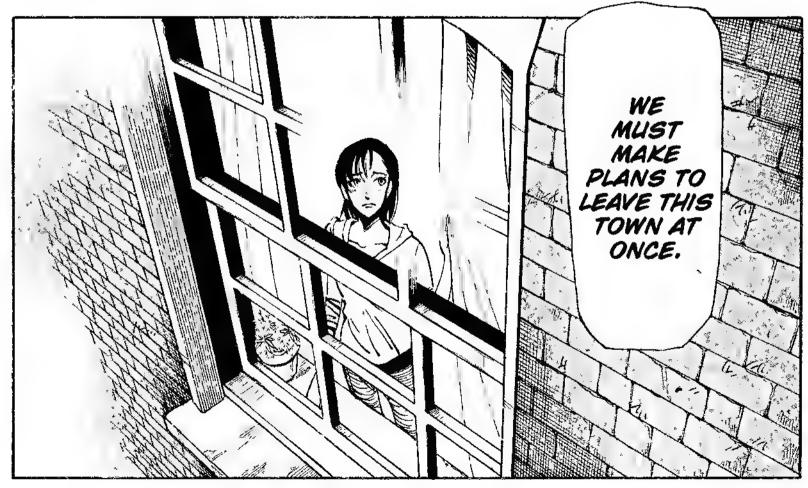




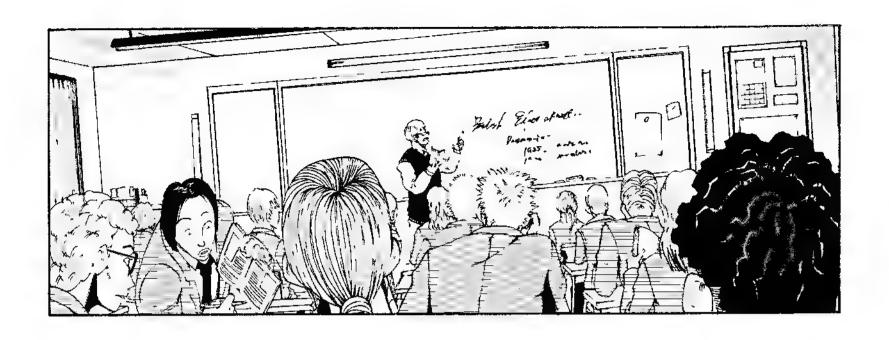
...YOU OUGHT
TO STAY HERE.
BUT IT WILL BE
TOO DANGEROUS
FOR YOU HERE
WITHOUT MY
GUIDANCE.



AS ONE PRINCE
MUST ALWAYS
REMAIN ABSENT
FROM VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN IN CASE
ANYTHING HAPPENS
TO THE OTHERS...







CHAPTER 68: FRIEND AND LOVER



















CAN

YOU TELL

US THE

ANSWER

TO THIS

















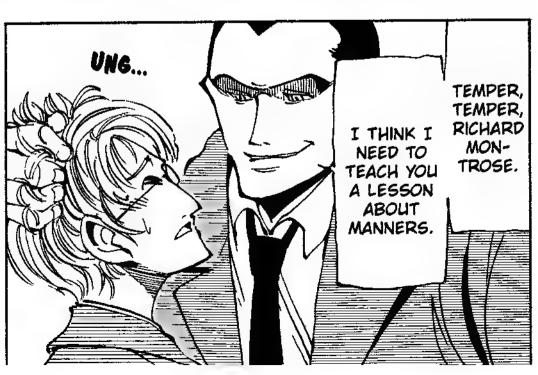




















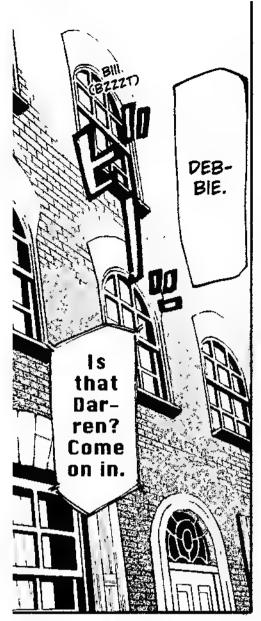










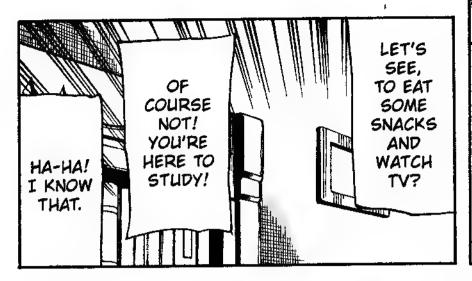


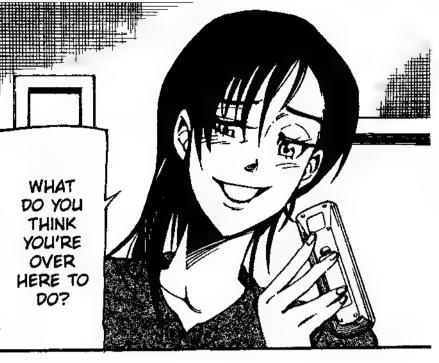


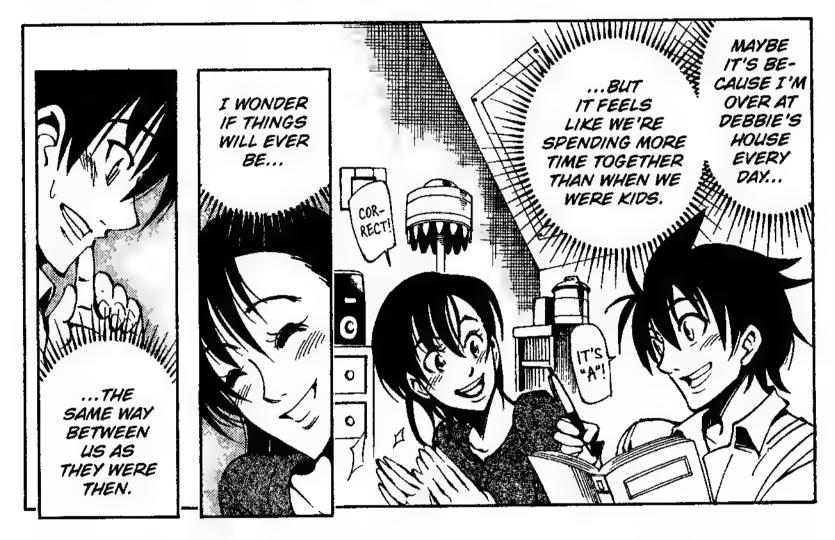


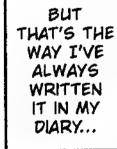














WELL, IT'S A BAD HABIT, AND YOU SHOULD BREAK IT.







OR IF YOU DO, USE A CODE, OR INVENT A NAME FOR ME, ALL RIGHT? I HOPE YOU DON'T WRITE ABOUT ME!

ALL MY SECRETS ARE IN IT.





MAYBE I WILL, AND MAYBE I WON'T.







BWA-HA-HA-HA, STOP! I'M TICKLISH!



THIS
IS WHAT
YOU GET
FOR NOT
LISTENING
TO
TEACHER!









HA-HA... ENOUGH GAMES. BACK TO STUDY-ING!







S-STOP IT, DARREN! PLEASE, THIS ISN'T FUNNY.





























WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT LATER, BUT FOR NOW...

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS...

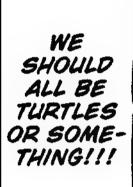
I'M SORRY ...













DAMN HUMANS!! DAMN VAMPIRES !!!







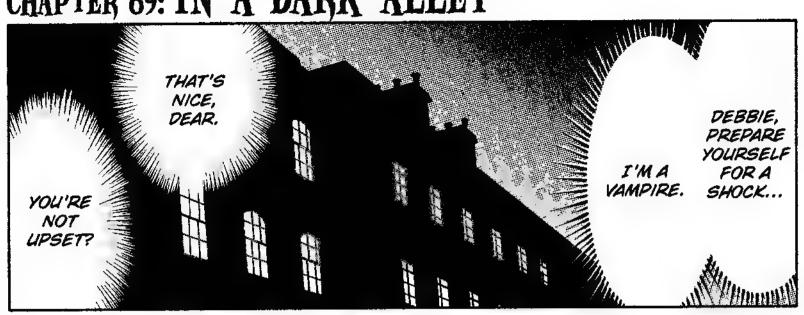








CHAPTER 69: IN A DARK ALLEY

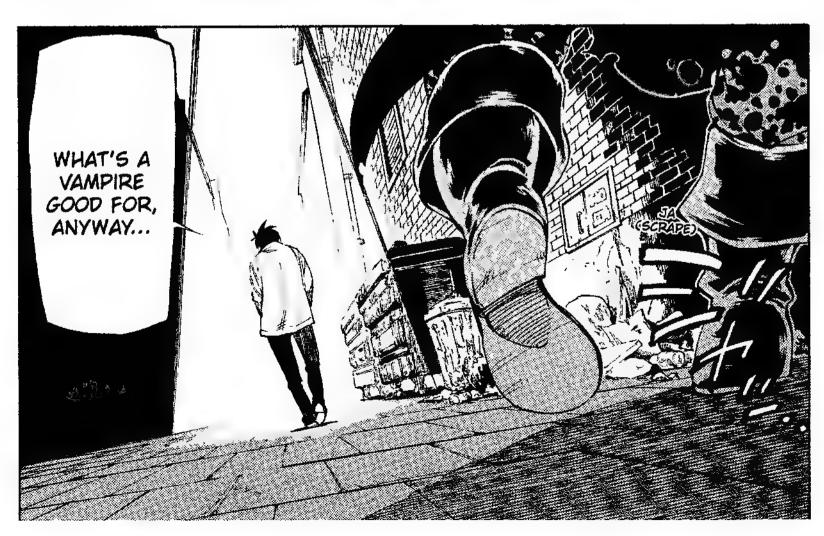


























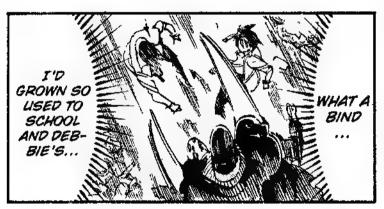




























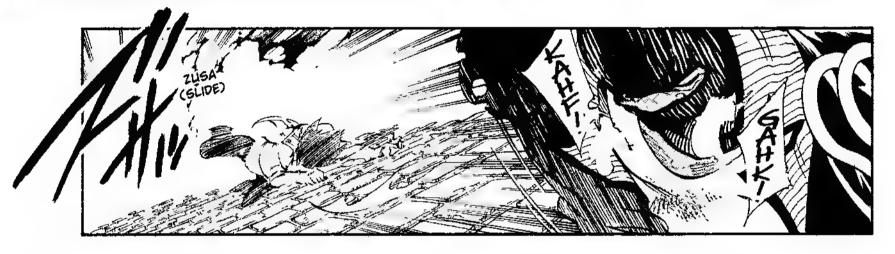










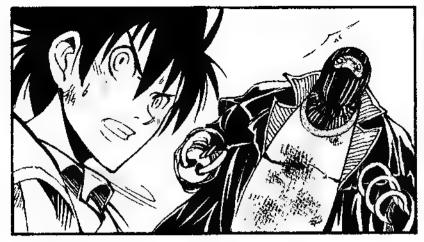


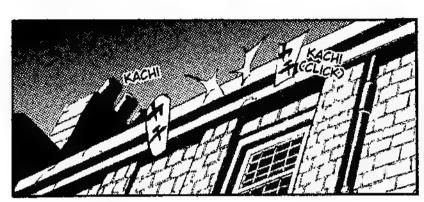




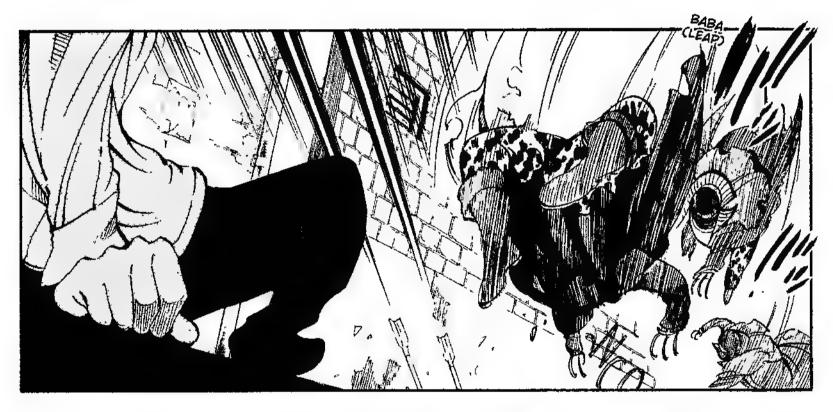




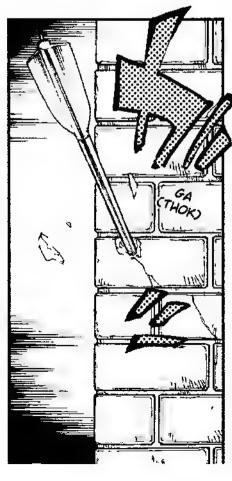








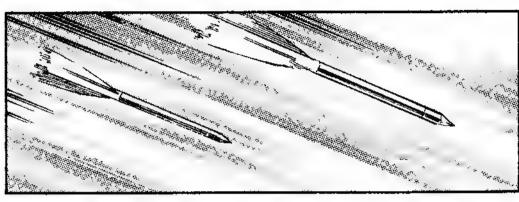


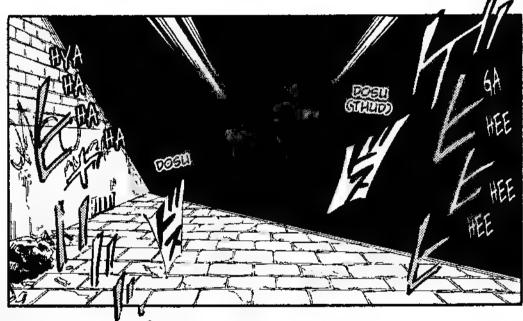


























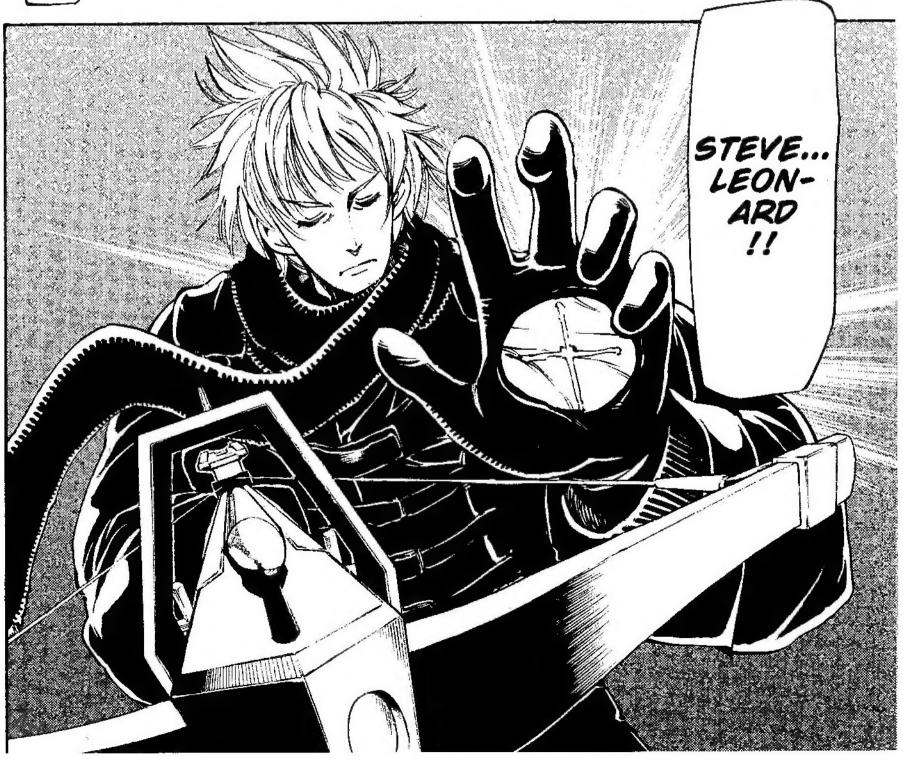










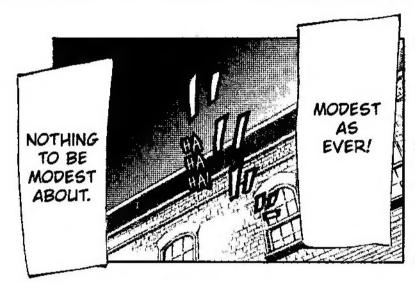






STOP THAT. YOU'LL HAVE ME IN TEARS IF YOU KEEP THAT UP.





OF COURSE.
YOU DON'T
THINK TWO
PEOPLE
COULD BE
BORN THIS
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DO YOU?



















